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Seattle Human Rights Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2010, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Jessica Andrade, Jesse Aspuria, Damien Carter, Nika Dahlbacka, Andrew Lewis, Merri Ann Osborne, Mike Peters, Mica Powers, Christopher Stearns, Keith Toussaint, Jennifer Yogi

Commissioners Absent: Arthur Shwab

Commissioners by Phone: Joshua Marshall, Marty Penner, Roslyn Solomon

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood

Guest Speakers: Gael Tarleton, Kathleen Morris

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chris Stearns

Approval of Minutes: October 2010 minutes approved as read

Guest Speakers: Gael Tarleton, Port of Seattle Commissioner Kathleen Morris, International Rescue Committee

- Speakers discussed the need to change the perspective of the discussion about trafficking to the victims' perspective rather than the perpetrators' and the need to focus outreach toward communities at highest risk of victimization.
- October 4, 2010 Anti-Trafficking Forum focused on cooperation between Law Enforcement and NGOs to support victims of trafficking.
- November 16, 2010 Attorney General Rob McKenna along with Seattle Against Slavery will unveil a new anti-trafficking poster campaign: "No One Should Be Afraid."
- January 13, 2011, Second annual Anti-Trafficking Polaris Project in Olympia, which coincides with legislative engagement day.

SOCR report

- The second biennial RSJI survey of City staff has been circulated. Response to date is promising.
- A follow up to the RSJI Summit was well received by City staff; included speakers Rinku Sen, Gerald Hankerson, and Laura van der Noot Lipsky.

SHRC Business / Committee Reports

- Bylaws: send comments to Merri Ann Osborne for review and possible vote at next meeting. Jessica volunteered to serve on committee. Jennifer noted that the code sections are erroneous; Felicia to replace.
- Education: emailed letter to UNAINEA
- Homelessness: Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) has requested a letter to City Council in support of its request for increased funding for shelter "behind the red doors."

MOTION: Jesse Aspuria to draft letter as requested: **Action : PASSED**

- Access to Food: Meeting planned for November 17th, 6:00 p.m., location TBD
- Arrest and Conviction Records as a Protected Class: Chris Stearns to moderate forum on November 30th at Garfield Community Center. All commissioners are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.